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To CALEB D'ANVERS, *Esq*;

ALIAS,

The LETTER-WRITER *to himself, in the last* Craftsman.

SIR,

YOUR Behaviour puts me in mind of what's said of *Tattle* in Mr. *Congreve's Love for Love*, 'That, whipping into a Hackney Coach in Woman's Cloaths, and a Mask, he 'would call at a Coffee-house to enquire for 'himself, where, not finding himself, he would 'leave a Letter for himself.' —— Just in this Manner, Sir, tho' not in a Hackney Coach, but the *Hackney Disguise* of *Patriotism*, you write and distribute Letters to yourself thro' most Coffee-houses in Town, to spread the Fame of your *Politicks*, as he did that of his *Gallantries*.

But pray, Sir, why is your Epistle dated from *Norwich*? Is it to insinuate to the World, that your Correspondence extends even to the *Enemy's* Quarters? —— If that's all, you might e'en have dated from * * * Street; for the World is so far from wanting to be convinced that you can keep private Correspondence among those you reckon your *particular Enemies*, that they are not insensible you are capable of doing it even among the *publick Enemies* of the Nation.

However, if you can really persuade yourself, that People in *Suffolk*, or any where else, will pay a greater Deference to your Reasonings, or your Calculations, because a sham Epistle from *Norfolk* tells them how well you have proved *our Concerns at home to be in an unhappy Situation in this critical Conjuncture of Affairs abroad*. The Stratagem is too innocent to be complained of; but sure you cannot expect, that your attempting to make this so *plain* and so *publick*, just at *such a Time*, should add any thing to your Reputation for *Patriotism*; and indeed, not to flatter you in *t'other Point*, I may, with Justice, assure you, that Men of real Understanding have long paid as little Regard to these your repeated Testimonials of *your own Abilities* at the Beginning of your *Journal*, as they do to the numerous Certificates for Dr. *Rock's* or Dr. *Nelson's* Skill, at the End of it. And if you don't order your Printer to omit one or t'other of these *bare faced Puffs*, the very *Rabble*, for whose Instruction only those Papers have, for some time past, been written, will, in Time, find out the exact Resemblance between them.

That you should be for recanting *one* of the very few Truths contained in the 130 Pages, which your *Case of the Sinking Fund* consists, is acting so much in Character, that few People will wonder at it; but when you persuaded yourself, and would persuade others, that, contrary to your former Concession, your Partizans have prevailed *within Doors*, you surely made use of the same accurate, or the same honest political Arithmetick, which swelled the *Coal Account* in your *Enquiry* from *seven* to SEVENTEEN *hundred* thousand Pounds. Or, when you call them in this Letter the *Majority*, do you do it by the same modest and proper Figure of Speech, by which, in your *Case of the Sinking Fund*, you call the Dissent of some few Peers from the Vote and Act of the House, *The Protest of the* HOUSE *of Lords* *. What Pity 'tis that *some People* have not a Liberty of dissenting also in the *Journals* of the *Commons*, and then we might have had the very *consistent Protests* of the *whole Legislature* against its *own Acts*.

However, be they more or less, 'tis not strange that those Numbers should deliver you from a *Vote of Credit* this Year, tho' I believe you are, at the same time, sensible, that some few favourable Circumstances helped them to this boasted Victory, such as, that a Vote of this sort was neither *wanted* nor *proposed*, &c. But pray, Sir, give me Leave to ask you, What are the *good Things* which you expect from this mysterious Majority next Year? Do you hope they will, by that Time, grow strong enough to deliver you from a *Vote of Supply*, for which you are known to have very little less Aversion than for a *Vote of Credit*? Or do you, on their Strength, intend to have the other Struggle for an *independent Army* and a *military Government*? —— Your Endeavour at the first Point would doubtless be highly acceptable to your Friends on t'other Side the Water, especially if we should then take Part in the present Broils, tho' I think you run some Hazard of losing your Merit with them *that Way*, since you have taken such indefatigable Pains both to *persuade* and to *inform* them, that no very *formidable Supply* could be actually *raised*, tho' it should be *granted*. This, it must be allowed, is indeed a very disinterested Way of proceeding, and is taking a timely Precaution to deliver them from the *unjust Fears* which an unlucky *Vote* of that sort might give them, should such an one happen, contrary to the expected *good Things*, which they might justly hope for from your increasing Numbers.

Hitherto however you have said nothing unlike yourself; but the next Paragraph of your Epistle is what, I own, surprizes me. Can you, Sir, think it a Hardship to be called on for your Advice *in this dark and confused State of Things*, as you call it; you, who professedly understand the whole Series of our *foreign Affairs* so well, as to tell us to a Hair, what *Sums* the Mismanagement of *them* for twelve Years past, has cost the Nation? For 'tis on the precise, the infallible Truth and Justice of every Article of your Reasonings on *them*, in your *Politicks on both Sides*, that the Bulk of your Calculations concerning the Mismanagement of our *Revenues at home*, do professedly and allowedly depend; and the least Flaw in *those Premises*, knocks all *these fine Calculations* on the Head at once.

But since, in a Fit of *Modesty* so unusual with you, you expressly allow, '*that nobody can suppose, that all the Motives and Causes of the present Distractions, and all the secret Negotiations, Engagements, and Pretensions of the different Powers of* Europe, *are yet fully laid open*,' we who are not so deeply learned in these Things as yourself, may justly flatter ourselves, that, among those *Secrets*, of which even *you* are still ignorant, there may lurk many Points and Facts, which, besides your little Error in the *Coal Duty* above-mentioned, would strike off some few other *odd Millions* from your Calculations of *unnecessary Expences*, and carry them justly to *the other Side* of the Account; to which, Sir, if we should add but a due and fair Allowance for the *Expences brought on the Nation* by the Hopes our Enemies may, from time to time, have entertained from your virtuous and laudable Endeavours to *distress the Government*, and from the Representations you have constantly given them *of the melancholy State of our Affairs at home*, I fancy, with such due Correction, your whole terrible Total of *Sums* said to be needlessly spent, would vanish, and become as invisible, even as your late *boasted Majority* itself.

And to consider this, as it well deserves, a little farther, if you are yet uninform'd of any of the various *secret Views and Designs*; the *private Engagements* and *Pretensions* of the several Powers of *Europe*, that have contributed to bring things to their *present Situation*, as you now own; and as all thinking Men must believe you were even before this Fit of *Humility* seiz'd you; a *very few* of those, if known, might be fully sufficient to prove all your *past important Reasoning* on those Subjects, as far from *Truth* as they are plainly void of *Modesty*; and shew 'em to be as really *False* and *Chimerical*, as they are apparently *Presumptuous* and *Self sufficient*. —— And have you, Sir, in such a state of Ignorance, traduc'd the *Capacity* and *Integrity* of all the Ministers of your King and Country, both *Abroad* and at *Home*! on the Score of *Negotiations* and *Expences* which, for ought you know to the Contrary, may have been conducted in the very *best Manner* the nature of Things would permit. —— Have you on such *Partial Information* ventur'd to charge *Two Kings* of *Great Britain* with *Weakness*, if no more! and insolently Branded *two Parliaments* with the basest *Corruption*, as *venal Betrayers* of their Trust, for approving those *Negotiations* and *Expences*! —— And going farther yet, and appealing from their Judgments, have you, with such *imperfect Lights*, scattered whole Reams of *Libels* thro' the Nation! and for a Series of Years endeavour'd to spread *Discontent* and sow *Sedition*, in and thro' every Corner of it! and all on the Score of those *very Transactions*, concerning which you are thus *slightly Inform'd*! —— Could any thing but the most *infallible Certainty* have carry'd an *honest Mind* to such Lengths! Or could your going those Lengths, to which a whole People are Witnesses, tend, in *such a Situation* of things, to any Ends, but *weakening* the Hands of your *Country*! and *strengthening* those of her *Enemies*! —— And are you after all this shock'd at the Imputation of *Sham Patriotism*, and the Name of *Mock Patriot*?

Of which Encouragement given by your laudable Labours to the Enemies of your Country, I have even now so *glaring an Instance*, immediately under my Eye, in the very next Paragraph of your Epistle, (where you give us, as a very useful and choice Morsel, an Abstract of that View of the *Sinking Fund*, with which you close your *late Case*) that, reserving it as a Point which merits an *intire Paper*, to do it full Justice, I shall pass it by here, and proceed to take Notice how soon you get over this unnatural Fit of *Modesty*, and rise again, in the following Paragraph, into your *all knowing Infallibility*; where, without any Allowance for those Points of which, but twenty Lines above, you were professedly Ignorant, you very roundly assure us, "*That had the Balance of Power been duly con-*" *sidered but a few Years ago, the House of* Bourbon " *would not have been able to play their Game so* " *successfully as they have done since:*" But tho' you, Sir, can forget your self so soon, or may not be

* *See the Case of the Sinking Fund*, p. 34.

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be always in a Humour to own your *Ignorance*, you must give other People leave to think, that the *Nature* of *Things* does not vary and change as often as your Temper; and to conclude, therefore, that, how successfully soever the *House of Bourbon* have play'd their Game, there may be, nevertheless, among the Things which yet lie undiscovered, by your penetrating Eye, Points which would fully prove, that the *British Nation* in particular ought not to have interested herself in that *Balance* in any *other Manner* than she has hitherto done, or at any *other Time* than she may do for the future: This I think, Sir, we may and ought to presume, in favour of *Two Kings* and *Two Parliaments*, &c. against the bare *ipse dixits* of a Man who, by Fits, knows so *much more*, and so *much less* than other Folks; that it may be justly doubted, when the Struggle between his *avowed Ignorance*, and his *pretended Knowledge* shall be fairly compos'd, whether the Result will leave him *Understanding* enough to make even a good *Country Justice*, much less a *Censor* and *Arbiter* of all the *Policies* of *Europe*.

Leaving you therefore to make as exact an Enquiry into the Causes of our *national Distempers*, as this *Ague* in your own Mind, these *cold* and *hot* Fits of Capacity will permit; give me leave, next, to ask you, how this *intricate Situation of Affairs*, from which, it seems, even the all-knowing *Patriots* can't free us, should leave the Author of the *Considerations* room to say a again, *That the Biter's bit?* —— That was said by him, Sir, of, and to, those *South-Sea Directors* only, who had, 'tis known, brought all those Distresses on the Sufferers. —— But are these *Mock Patriots* indeed such *Biters*? Have *they* led us into these *Intricacies*? —— That they have help'd Things forward, indeed, not a little, I believe, all thinking Men apprehend: But even I, Sir, as partial as you may think me, should not charge them with the *Whole*; no, I should ascribe a *great Part* of it to those *secret Motives* and *Causes*, those *Pretensions* and *Engagements* of the different Powers of *Europe*, which are not yet laid open, even to *your* all-piercing Sight; and for the same Reason, must take the Liberty to remind you that the *real Patriots* who, again forgetting your Ignorance, *you say have negotiated us into this blessed Condition*, may, in reality, have been so far from doing so, that these lurking, undiscover'd *Causes*, might, if laid *fully open*, prove that their *Negotiations* have in reality deferred that Situation *'till now*, which might, otherwise, perhaps, have happened *Ten* or *Twelve Years sooner*; but this Possibility, I know, you can't discover, or will not allow; for the cold Fit of *Ignorance*, which seizes you whenever you are called on to use your Faculties for the Good of your Country, always vanishes at the very Mention or Idea of these *real Patriots*; and in order to *censure* and *condemn* their *Conduct*, you become warm with *Knowledge*, even to a Degree of Prophesy; your Eye, at once, penetrates all the *Cabinets* of *Europe*, nothing is done but you *know* it; nor any thing *intended*, but you *foresee* it: And that so *perfectly*, that you are quite assured 'tis *they* who have negotiated Things into their *present State*. —— Yet, with a strange Inequality of Mind in the next Breath, you call on *them* to inform you what's best to be done in this Conjuncture; as a Man who, but just above, had own'd his Ignorance of many of the *Causes* of the *present Distinctions*; "*without which*," you there confess, "*'tis impossible* "*to form a competent Judgment of the Case.*"

But here again, Sir, I must take Leave to ask you, (for, like yourself, I am just now fond of Queries) why you are in such a Hurry to know whether these *real Patriots* think *War* or *Peace* most eligible? Do you want an Opportunity of giving early Notice to your Correspondents what Measures the *King* and his *Council* intend to pursue? Or, if *War* should be resolv'd on, why must you be informed *how it may be supported with Vigour*? —— Do you desire, by that Discovery, to give our Enemies *Abroad* a more thorough Knowledge of the *Revenues* and *Strength* of your *Country*, than you have yet been able to do? — Or would you know this in order to read *seditious Lectures* before-hand at *Home*, against any of the Means the *Legislature* may take to raise Money for the *Publick Service*? —— These, all Men, that are acquainted with your Labours, know to be the *only Uses* you have lately made of the little Insight you could get into *those Points*; and therefore no wise Man will be surprized, if you should not immediately receive such *Categorical Answers* to all your Questions as you, for those Reasons, may wish for. —— But be assured, Sir, the *King* and *Legislature* of *Great Britain*, who alone *can*, or *ought* to do so, will, in due *Time* and *Place*, answer all these, which you think such *puzzling Queries*, and that in such a Manner as may, perhaps, convince both our *Foreign* and our *Domestick* Enemies, that they are neither ignorant of the *Causes* of the present *Dangers*, nor destitute of vigorous and sufficient *Remedies* for them; — and in the mean while, *you* won't, as you see, be left wholly destitute of *proper Replies* without Doors. In which way, as Occasion offers, I shall be, from time to time,

SIR, &c.

The Authors of the several Political Letters in the London Journal, Free Briton, *and* this Paper, *will, for the future, publish their Dissertations on Publick Affairs in a New Paper, entitled* The DAILY GAZETTEER; *the first Number of which will make its Appearance on* Monday *next.*

LONDON.

Yesterday was held a Board of Treasury at the Lottery Office at Whitehall, when their Lordships were pleased to order the Reward to be paid out of the Treasury, to the Persons concerned in apprehending the Malefactors lately executed at Tyburn.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Leicester is dangerously ill of the Gout, at the Bath.

Next Week his Majesty's Four Troops of Life Guards, and Two Troops of Horse Grenadiers, are to be reviewed in Hyde Park by their respective Colonels.

Yesterday was held a Board of Admiralty at the Admiralty Office at Whitehall, when their Lordships were pleased to make several Removes in the Royal Navy, and also to view near 200 superannuated Seamen that had been worn out in the Service of the Crown, in order to their being admitted into the Pension of Greenwich Hospital.

Her Grace the Dutchess of Northumberland, Relict of his Grace George Fitzroy, Duke of Northumberland, is very ill at her Seat at Throgmore near Windsor.

Last Sunday died at the Bath Lieutenant Colonel James Eberson, who received his first Commission from King William before his Embarkation from Holland. He served in the Irish War, and in all the after Campaigns in Flanders, where he had the Misfortune to have one of his Arms shot off.

On Tuesday last Thomas Hatton of Ransted Place in Surry, Esq; was married to Mrs. Hutchens, Relict of John Hutchens of Reading, Esq; a Fortune of 12,000 l.

Yesterday an Express arrived at Kensington from the Right Honourable the Earl of Waldegrave, his Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary at the Court of France.

The same Day a Boy about 9 Years of Age was drowned, as he was washing himself with several others, near the King's Arms Southwark.

A few Days since died in an advanced Age, at his House near Whittlesea, in the Isle of Ely, George Shafton, Esq; a Gentleman of a very plentiful Estate, which goes to his only Daughter, married to Mr. Day of Cambridge.

Yesterday the Right Honourable the Lady Viscountess Howe, with her Children and Servants, arrived in Town from Barbados.

The same Day died at his Father's House in the Haymarket, Mr. Arnold, Son of —— Arnold, Esq;

Her Grace the Dutchess of Queensberry, who has been dangerously ill for some time, is now in a fair Way of Recovery.

Her Grace the Dutchess of Portland is so far happily advanced in her Pregnancy, that she is hourly expected to be delivered.

Yesterday Morning arrived at the East India House the Pursers of the Grafton, Captain Hudson, the Harrison, Captain Martin, from China, and the Drake, Captain Pelly, from Bengal. The Drake brings an Account of the Ocham, Captain Jobson, having taken Fire Nov. 29. in Bengal River, and intirely destroyed; but most, Part of her Cargo, 'twas thought, would be sav'd.

Durham, June 24. Her Majesty has been pleased to grant her most gracious Pardon to John Neasham, Gent. of this County, for the Murder of John Gray, a Pitman, near Houghton-le-spring.

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